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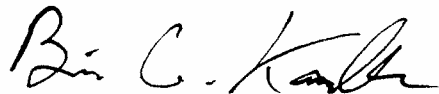
Dear Members of the House Committee on Energy & Technology:

I am writing you with regard to **HB 5334**, legislation that will exempt facilities that qualify as "Landfill Energy Production Facilities" from the yard waste ban. This recognizes the potential benefits from landfill gas to the State's overall energy mix.

The Detroit Regional Chamber is made up of over 23,000 member businesses, who range in size from sole proprietors to fortune 500 companies and employ over ¾ million people across a ten county region of Metro Detroit. We ask that you vote **YES** on **SB 5334 S**, as the legislation provides the flexibility to create the most benefit from our waste management system. The increased gas captured from yard waste decomposition can assist bringing Michigan in line with Renewable Portfolio Standard goals in a more cost effective fashion, providing more options at a time when commercialization of many renewable technologies lags behind our needs.

**SB 5334** creates the necessary exemption to capitalize from the convergence of alternative energy technology and existing resources. In this instance, a new look at how we manage waste in our State can lead to both environmental and economic benefits.

Sincerely,



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